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Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
JPP2000-238022	September 5, 2000	Refer to the description of the related art in the specification.
JPP60-210420	October 22, 1985	In an extruding device, in an area which extends from a downstream end of a hopper ground section (A) having some axial grooves (12) near a supply port (11) toward a downstream side and the length of which is 2 to 5 times as long as the inner diameter of the cylinder (10) at the downstream side, an inner diameter of a cylinder (10) and an outer diameter of a screw (14) increase as the cylinder (10) and the screw (14) approach at the downstream side, the inner diameter (D1) of the cylinder (10) at the downstream area is 1.1 to 1.5 times as long as the inner diameter (D0) of the cylinder (10) at the upstream area.
JPP2-14107	January 18, 1990	According to a method for extruding a honeycomb molding by an extruding apparatus which comprises a screw, the cross-section of which is smaller than that of the honeycomb
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-		molding, an expanding pipe, the cross-section area of which increases gradually according to a screw diameter (A) and a cross-section size of the honeycomb molding (B), is provided on a front side of a honeycomb molding die, the relationship between the length of the expanding pipe (L) and the maximum length of the expanding pipe (C) is as follows.  1.02B ≤ C ≤ 1.2B  120C/A ≤ L
JPP5-177692	July 20, 1993	English Abstract
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